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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed March 12, 2007 rejected Claims 1, 2, 4-9, and 11-21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Berstis (US 6,785,869) in view of Ichbiah (US 5,623,406). Claims 1, 9 and 16 have been amended. No new matter has been added. The Applicants respectfully present the following for consideration.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 4-9, and 11-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Berstis in view of Ichbiah. With regard to Claims 1, 9, 16, and 17 the Office Action states that "Berstis discloses a method and apparatus for providing a central dictionary and glossary server. In the scope of the invention, a user enters text into an application window (document creation application) (figure 6, item 600) and may communicate with a server (accessing dictionary service) to retrieve (obtain) glossary and dictionary information (retrieve the definition of the shorthand term) (column 5, lines 59-62). In an example with reference to figure 7, a shorthand term "PBX" is displayed along with its expanded definition (column 7, lines 12-29). However Berstis does not explicitly disclose that the document creation application includes a first window that includes a writing area and a second window that includes a search box wherein the shorthand term is entered in the second window and inserted into the writing area of the first window. Ichbiah discloses a method and system for entering text in computer equipment (title). In the scope of the invention, a user enters an abbreviation (shorthand term) in an input box (search box) and the word is expanded in an expansion box (second window) (figure 3, column 16, lines 31-40). The system may be used in conjunction with a Word Processor (two windows) wherein the abbreviation expansions are then transferred from the system to the word processor (inserting the definition into the writing area of the first window) with a transfer menu (option to copying the definition into the writing area of the first window) (column 16, lines 51-61). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Berstis to include a separate window for expanding an abbreviation or shorthand term, as taught by Ichbiah." In order to

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expedite the prosecution of this matter, the Applicants have amended the independent claims to more clearly define the invention.

As amended, Claim 1 recites in part "initiating a shorthand dictionary service from within a document creation application; entering a shorthand term to be defined directly from within a document creation application; wherein the document creation application includes a first window that includes a writing area and a second window that includes a search box that is displayed in response to the shorthand dictionary service being initiated and after the first window is displayed; wherein entering the shorthand term to be defined directly from within the application comprises entering the shorthand term within the search box." In contrast, among other differences the cited art does not teach displaying the second window in response to a shorthand dictionary service being started within the document creation application and after the display of the first window.

As stated by the Office Action "Berstis does not explicitly disclose that the document creation application includes a first window that includes a writing area and a second window that includes a search box wherein the shorthand term is entered in the second window and inserted into the writing area of the first window." Instead, Berstis teaches invoking a separate window that is outside of the writing area. Ichbiah, at col. 16, lines 51-66 recites that "the system is used in conjunction with a Word Processor. In such a case, the user will use the system mainly for its abbreviation expansion ability while other editing and formatting functions will be done with the word processor. In this alternative embodiment, the system is provided with a transfer function which will transfer entered text from the system into the word processor. This can be done manually--by a menu command which transfers all entered text present in the expansion box of the system of the present invention into the word processor. Alternatively, the system may be provided with an automatic transfer function which transfers the expansion text automatically at the end of each paragraph. This may be provided by having the transfer function automatically occur at the entry of a carriage return." The window system taught within Ichbiah, however, includes a single window that includes an expansion box and an input box. Ichbiah teaches displaying both the expansion box and the input box at the same time. In contrast, the

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present claim displays the second window after the first window is displayed and in response to the shorthand dictionary service being initiated. Since the cited references do not teach or suggest these recitations, Claim 1 is proposed to be allowable. Claims 2 and 4-8 are proposed to be allowable as they depend from a valid base claim.

As amended, Claim 9 recites in part "initiating a shorthand dictionary service from within a document creation application; entering a SMS shorthand term to be defined directly from within a document creation application; wherein the document creation includes a first window containing a writing area and a second window that includes a search box and a results area that are displayed in response to the shorthand dictionary service being initiated and after the first window is displayed; wherein entering the SMS shorthand term to be defined directly from within the application comprises entering the shorthand term within the search box in the second window." Claim 9 is proposed to be allowable for at least the reasons presented above. Claims 11-15 are proposed to be allowable as they depend from a valid base claim.

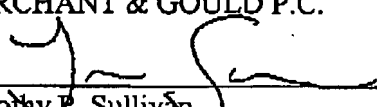
As amended, Claim 16 recites in part "receiving a shorthand term from a second computing device; wherein the shorthand term is received directly from within an application on the second computing device having a writing area that is within a first window and a search box that is within a second window that is displayed in response to a shorthand dictionary service being initiated on the second computing device and after the first window is displayed; wherein the shorthand term is entered within the search box of the second window." Claim 16 is proposed to be allowable for at least the reasons presented above. Claims 17-21 are proposed to be allowable as they depend from a valid base claim.

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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request the entry of this preliminary amendment. Should any further aspects of the application remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

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